

P&Z Commission discusses outdoor screening, tiny homes

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KINGMAN – City planning and zoning commissioner Terry Shores doesn't think the ordinance covering screens for outside storage areas has been working as intended.

At Tuesday's meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved ordinance text amendments regarding allowable storage-area fencing and asked for more information on the potential for tiny homes to be permitted in particular areas of Kingman.

"It just becomes tattered and it doesn't look very appealing, it doesn't hold up," Terry Shores, vice chair of the commission, said of using landscaping material.

Before Tuesday, Kingman's zoning ordinance allowed outside storage areas to be screened with landscaping material. Landscaping material, made from woven polypropylene fabric, does not absorb weather. The Commission voted unanimously to amend the ordinance to no longer allow those materials in addition to vinyl-coated polyester.

Before making a motion, commissioners discussed why landscaping materials should be removed from the ordinance.

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Ariel Allison, 18, was stabbed to death by Darrell Ketchner. (Daily Miner File Photo)

Darrell Ketchner has been spared the death penalty

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KINGMAN – Darrell Bryant Ketchner, convicted of first-degree murder and attempted murder, has been spared the death penalty with a motion filed Tuesday by prosecuting attorney Megan McCoy.

Ketchner, 59, was convicted of stabbing to death Ariel Allison, 18, on July 4, 2009, and attempting to kill her mother, Jennifer Allison.

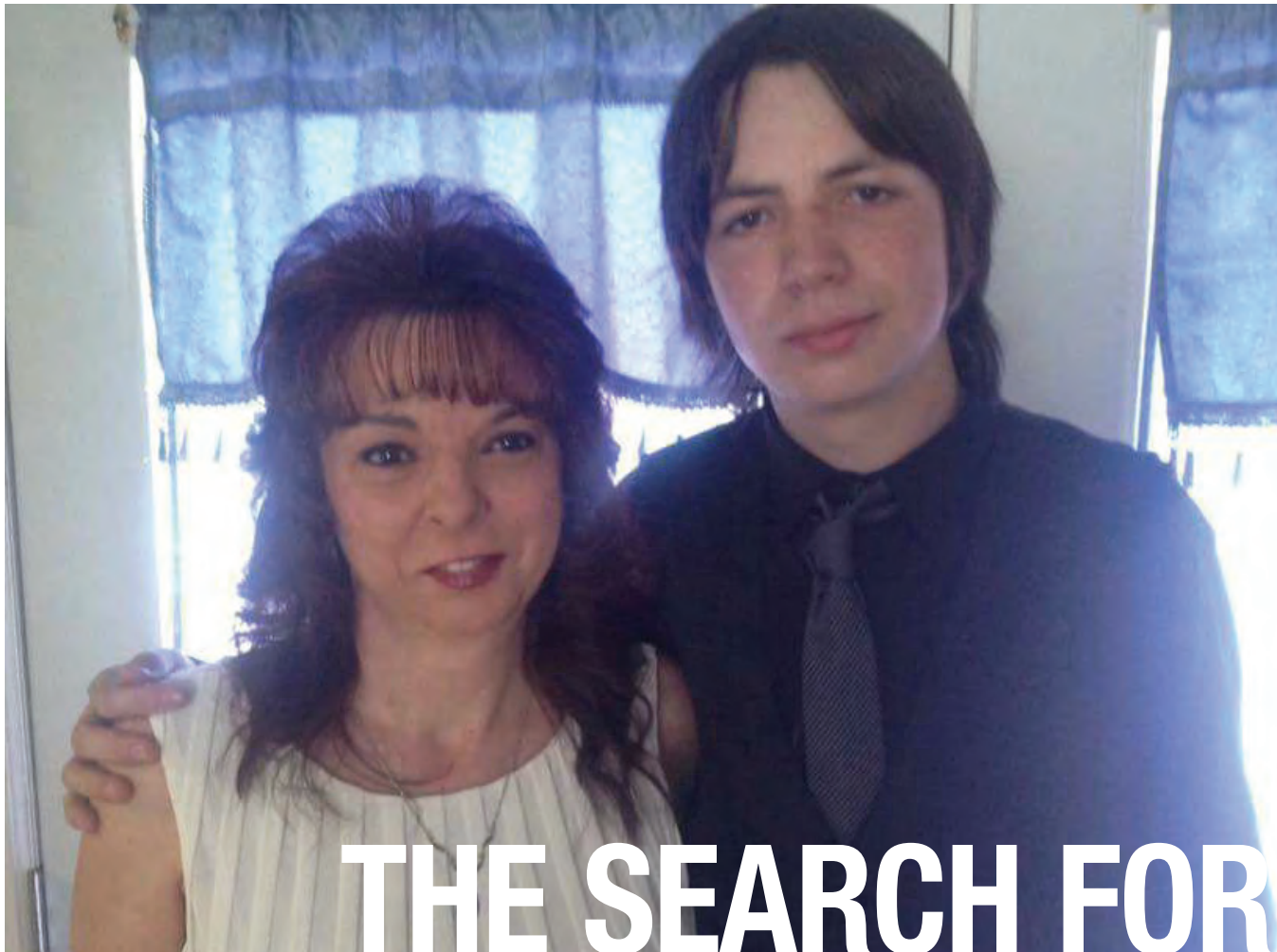
He was sentenced to death in 2013. However, an appellate court reversed the murder conviction in 2014, based on prejudicial testimony from a domestic violence expert, and sent the case back to Mohave County Superior Court.

Defense attorneys have focused on avoiding the death penalty as the case drags on.

Ketchner has an extensive criminal history with 35 court filings going back to 1983.



DARRELL KETCHNER



THE SEARCH FOR TYLER STICE

Nearly two years later, he is still missing

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It's going on two years since 20-year-old Tyler Stice was reported missing, his car found abandoned off Hualapai Mountain Road with no trace of him, no phone call to his family and no evidence of foul play.

His disappearance remains a mystery, one of several missing person cases that have baffled detectives with Kingman Police Department.

No solid leads have popped up on Stice's whereabouts, said Det. Dennis Gilbert, who's been working the case from the start. Stice's prized Ford Mustang was examined by police evidence technicians, who found his DNA on a can of tea in the passenger side.

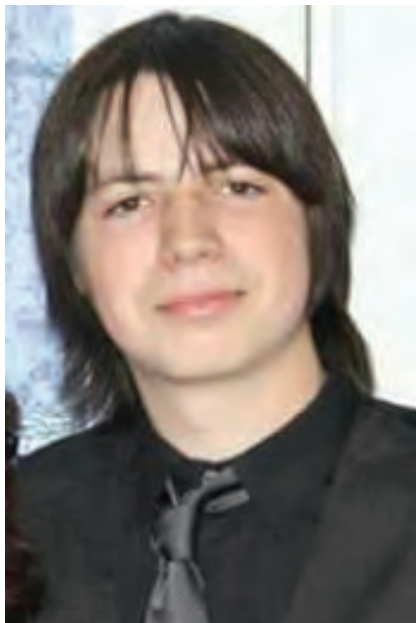
"Nothing new," Gilbert said Wednesday. "It's still an active case."

Stice is listed as missing with the FBI's National Crime Information Center, so if a police officer has any contact with him, it would be a "hit," Gilbert said. Otherwise, he's waiting for someone to call in with any leads.

Raenae Wann, volunteer case manager with Bring Our Missing Home, has been helping Stice's family distribute missing person flyers. She requested the Daily Miner share the flyer to "help bring Tyler home."

Stice, whose 22nd birthday was Feb. 8, was last seen leaving for work on June 21, 2016. His Ford Mustang was found at Deer Canyon recreational area in the Hualapai Mountains a few days later with some of his personal items

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Tyler Stice pictured at top with his mother, Stephanie Stice. Tyler has been missing from the Kingman area since June 2016. His 22nd birthday was Feb. 8. (Courtesy photos)

Florida high school shooter in custody; 'numerous' deaths

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PARKLAND, Florida (AP) – A shooter opened fire at a Florida high school Wednesday, killing "numerous" people, sending students running out into the streets and SWAT team members swarming in before authorities took the shooter into custody.

Frantic parents rushed to the scene and ambulances converged in front of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Live footage

showed emergency workers appearing to treat possibly wounded people on the sidewalks.

The Broward County Sheriff's Office tweeted Wednesday afternoon that "so far we have at least 14 victims." The tweet added: "Victims have been and continue to be transported to Broward Health Medical Center and Broward Health North hospital."

Broward County Schools Superintendent Robert Runcie said there were "numerous fatalities."

"It is a horrific situa-

tion." He added, "It is a horrible day for us."

Len Murray's 17-year-old son, a junior at the school, sent his parents a chilling text around 2:30 p.m.: "Mom and Dad, there have been shots fired on campus at school. There are police sirens outside. I'm in the auditorium and the doors are locked."

A few minutes later, he texted again: "I'm fine."

Television footage showed police in olive fatigues, with weapons drawn, entering the school, then dozens of children

frantically running and walking quickly out. A police officer waved the students on, urging them to quickly evacuate. Some students exited the building in single-file rows with hands raised overhead to show they carried no weapons. Others held onto other students as they made their way out past helmeted police in camouflage with weapons drawn.

The Broward Schools department said on its website that students and staff heard what sounded like

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